FISCAL NOTE

HB 426 - SB 927

March 31, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) to train high school counselors to perform functions needed by TSAC to determine initial eligibility for scholarships and grants; requires TSAC to establish a program of grants to LEAs to employ high school counselors who shall perform necessary functions to facilitate the awarding of lottery scholarships and grants.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by \$6,800,000 in FY07-08 and \$6,800,000 in FY08-09.

Assumption:

• According to TSAC, the corporation estimates the awarding of a \$50,000 grant to each of the 136 LEAs throughout the state to be used to fund additional counselor positions. (136 LEAs x \$50,000 grant amount = \$6,800,000)

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director